

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

I'm surprised Rupert
Murdoch didn't think
of this one first.
This is outrageous
that one large
corporation
(probably run by a
board of old, rich,
white guys) is
trying to sway a
supposedly
democratic election
through the
broadcasting of
dubious information.
No, actually, from
what I've read it's
not even about facts
or information- the
program is a
baseless attack ad
funded by rich white
republicans.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

See, we've got to
start decentralising
these corporations
and localising them.
Wait, I'm talking to

the government agency that tried to increase the amount of stations and newspapers a single person can own. What the hell!? I think that the FCC should be changed to a purely nonpartisan agency and staffed by anyone but the president.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

What happened to the monopoly busters? Was Roosevelt the last great one? These actions will not stand. My congressmen/women will be informed and asked to take action against the Federal Communications Commission should Sinclair be given a free pass on this blatant attempt at electioneering. I'm not even a Kerry supporter, don't plan on voting for him, but damn if I'm not outraged by this illegal and fraudulent action by Sinclair. Honestly.

Thank you.